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than they are at home, and the necessity for its being occupied by the most reliable men is proportionately increased.

A very sensible article is given in the *Canton Shipping News* upon the audience question, which it has been reported is settled, though details as to this point are still wanted. It has always been assumed that the granting of this privilege would be highly advantageous to foreign interests, but if it be as what practical effect it is to produce, it must be confessed it is somewhat difficult to see. The means of transmitting business with the Chinese Government, as they at present exist, will scarcely be improved, and as to the moral effect which it is supposed the reception of the Ministers will produce on the nation at large, we have always had our doubts, as it is too much to be feared that, in deference to old prejudices, the Chinese officials will be careful to put the affair in some light which will make the concession appear in the eyes of the nation at large less than it really is. It cannot of course be denied that some good will result from the step, but there seems reason to fear that the benefit is overestimated. In one point of view, however, the concession of the privilege of audience will form a subject of congratulation. It will show in a very unmistakable manner that at last the Peking officials have determined to make some bona fide concessions to foreign powers. They have always been most unwilling to grant the right of audience is notorious, and we may be quite sure that they will do so now only under a strong conviction of the necessity of yielding. It is at all events a subject of congratulation that it is possible to bring them to that conviction by moral pressure, as up to the present it has been almost impossible to induce them to yield to any important demands without threatening or resorting to hostilities.

H.R.M. comte Svalunda with H.H.H. the Grand Duke Alexis, returned yesterday.

The next meeting of the Debating Society has been unavoidably postponed till the 25th inst., owing to the illness of the speaker, and on Tuesday next, and Wednesday being mail night.

The French mail steamer *Péche*, on her arrival at Canton, was met by the *Chongking*, and the *Chongking* was met by the *Chongking*.

The Canton steamer on Tuesday night did not arrive at the wharf till 8 p.m., in consequence of some three hours' detention opposite the wharf at Canton, where she grounded on a reef, being too close in shore, on tacking round.

We note that another of the three runaway convicts has been apprehended at British Kowloon, his name is Low-tuck. It appears that Low-tuck arrived from the colony at the end of the last month, and was confined in the Chinese territory, three nights back, and it being found out by the Tupo that he was one of the three, he was determined to be quit of him, having seen in view a \$50 reward offered by the British Government for the apprehension of the three. A man from that village came to the village, and was given information that he had seen the three, and was given information that he had seen the three.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Wednesday morning, 13th, and the last messenger left the office at 10.30.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 16th, 1873.

It is currently reported that the Hon. Mr. BALL has decided upon resigning his post of Judge of the Summary Court, and we believe Mr. HAYLOR is spoken of as likely to be his successor. (We cannot but think it satisfactory that Mr. BALL has taken this resolution, and though he has done so somewhat tardily, the circumstances are such as will justify the Government in acting in a liberal spirit with regard to the matters relating to leave and pension, which we understand have been brought before them for consideration. It is needless to take into account individual cases, in which there may be grounds to consider that Judge BALL was at fault. There have been points in his career, as in that of every public man, open to animadversion, and we have not spared comment where it has appeared to be necessary in the public interests. The chief and indeed the one point of objection, always appeared to us to be his continuing in his post, when the state of his health made many in the Colony feel very deeply that it was not right that he should do so. The sad attacks to which he was subject under the tension of mind necessary when hearing cases, made it simply superfluous to discuss minor points, as it is idle to expect that any one not having the fullest command of his powers could hope to do justice to duties so arduous as those of a judge. This, however, will be now at an end; and in resigning his post Mr. BALL places himself outside the criticism which would be justifiable with regard to the judge, and, having done so, we are sure he will have extended to him the respectful sympathy which all must feel for the man who has made a struggle to perform his public duties to the best of his powers. If there have been reasons for differing with Mr. BALL's actions from time to time, it must be acknowledged that he has never spared himself trouble, and notwithstanding all shortcomings, much that he has done has been sound and valuable. He will not, therefore, leave the Colony without the sympathy of large numbers, and the full hope that his return home will restore his health.

While, however, we are glad to look upon the subject in the above light, which is the only fair one under existing circumstances, we should be wanting in the performance of a public duty if we omitted to express the strongest hope that, should ever such an unfortunate case happen again, the Governor of the Colony will feel it his duty to interpose, or at least to represent the matter to the Home Authorities. This ought, indeed, to have been done long ago, and had this course been adopted some incidents painful to all concerned, and not calculated to promote that high respect which all should feel for the administration of justice, might have been avoided. These considerations apply with tenfold force in a place like Hongkong, where so great an amount of power and responsibility falls upon an individual judge. There is no Bench to consult with, and the almost insupportable assistance derived at home from the Bar, is here much diminished on account of the small number of the members, and the comparatively small amount of sitting which they are able to give to any given case. Thus, in certain directions, the duties of the Bench here are even more responsible

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

By JOHN F. W. MITCHELL, Esq.

Inspector Grey charged seven Chinese coolies with gambling in a back room at 11, Peel Street.

Complainant, sworn, stated that at the residence of a warrant, and accompanied by Sergeant Johnson in plain clothes, and another constable, he proceeded to the back room at 11, Peel Street, on the 14th inst., and entered a small bar room, at the back of which were two tables, one of which was closed and fastened. He pushed it open, and found the defendants busily engaged in playing a game of cards. He called to get away, they then rushed at the entrance. They were seized. He found a wooden bench, seven mugs of cash on same, covered with a mat, on which was a stick and some other articles. Found also a bad dollar, which he seized, and the other mugs of cash were taken. He found a wooden bench, seven mugs of cash on same, covered with a mat, on which was a stick and some other articles. Found also a bad dollar, which he seized, and the other mugs of cash were taken.

Wong-ah-chek, a coolie unemployed, declared, stated from instructions to remove from the back room at 11, Peel Street, and to play a game of cards, and he lost some cash. The first defendant was the manager and the second was a waiter. They played with a game of cards, and the third defendant was a waiter. They played with a game of cards, and the third defendant was a waiter.

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